(ग) किन-किन व्यक्तियों पर केवल जुर्माना किया गया और किन-किन व्यक्तियों को बाद में उच्च न्यायालय अथवा सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में अपील करने पर छोड़ दिया गया ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

Indo-Soviet Coorperation in exploration of geo-thermal energy from Volcanoes

†1944. SHRI M. BASAVARJU: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned "Harnessing the Volcanoes" published in the Yojna in its May 16th-31st, 1985 issue to the effect that cooperation between the Soviet Union and India in the exploration of geo-thermal energy might be quite helpful for India in the background of close economic cooperation between the two countries and in view of the existence of volcanic zones in the North Eastern part the country;

(b) whether Government propose to seek cooperation from the Soviet Union in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are no volcanoes in the North Eastern part of India. Therefore no concrete proposals for cooperation with the Soviet Union in this regard are under consideration at this stage.

Advertisements in press of foreign goods

1945. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy advertisement of foreign good such as Cannin and Minolta cameras, National Panasonic and Sanyo consumer electronics in the press, though they are not manufactured or are to be sold in India; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the growing demand for such articles in India leading to smuggling of such articles in to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes Sir. Such foreign consumer electronic items are advertised in the Press.

(b) Such advertisements are part of the global strategy of the foreign manufacturers for the promotion of their products and influencing the preferences of consumers, including Indian tourists going abroad.

Public Provident Fund

1946. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Public Provident Fund that stands credited as on 31st March, 1985;

(b) what is the gross amount of Public Provident Fund deposits for the financial years ending 31st March, 1983, 31st March,1984 and 31st March, 1985 and the amount withdrawn during these three years; and

(c) whether these deposit accounts can be closed after 15 years by the account holders if so, what steps Government propose to take or what incentives Government intend to give to discourage withdrawals of these deposit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The balance under the Public Provident Fund

† Previous Unstarred Question 1547 transferred from the 8th August, 1985.